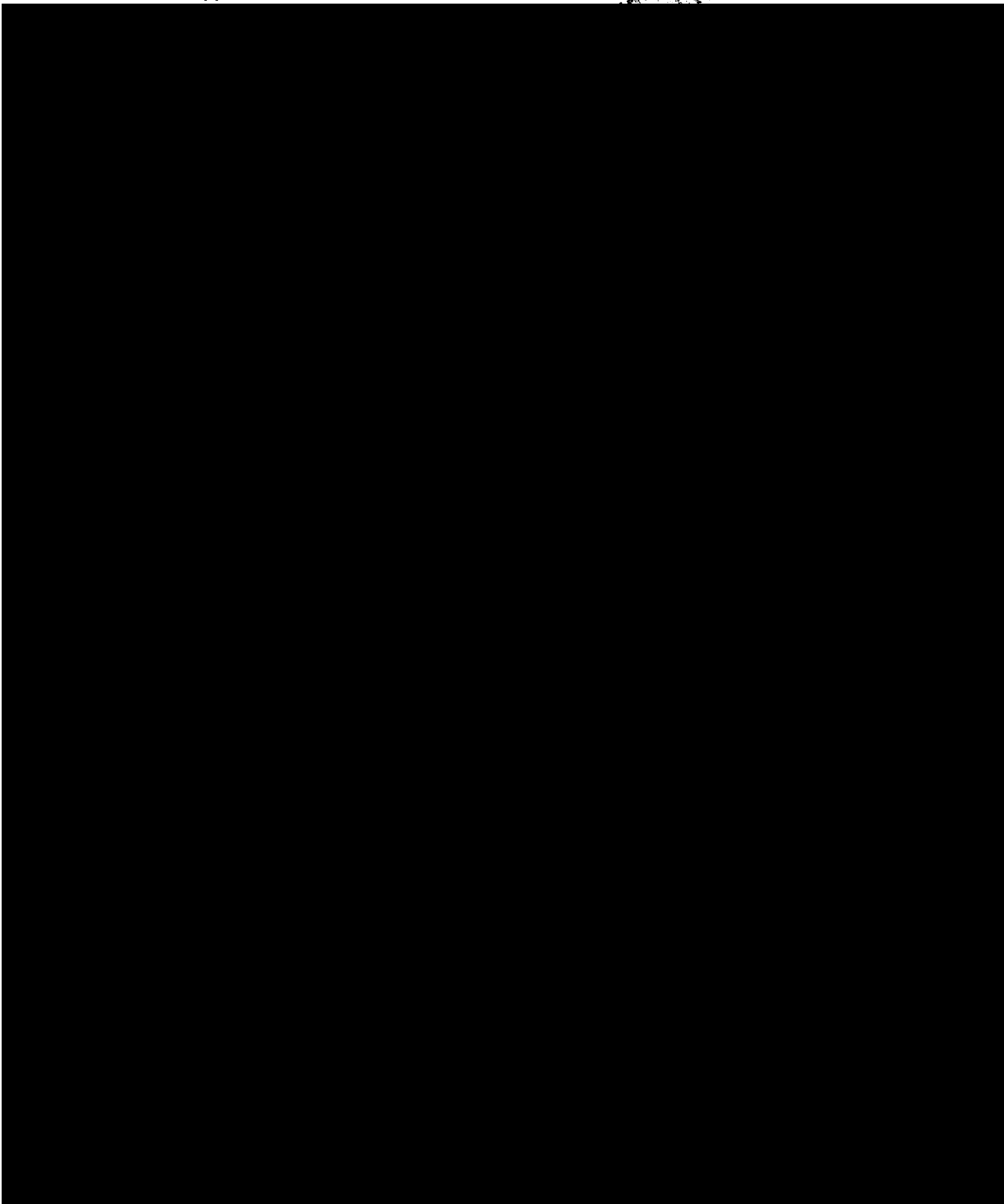


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POLISH-CHINESE SHIPPING LINE (7 pp; German; [REDACTED])

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This typewritten document contains information on shipping service of the Polish merchant marine to China and the Far East.

Section 1 reports on the Polish-Chinese Shipping Company which was set up in the fall of 1950 to establish shipping service between Gdynia and the Chinese ports. The company has offices in Tientsin and Peking, also a separate department at Polish Ocean Lines at Gdynia. Its fleet includes the ships Mikolaj Rej, Pokoj, Przyjazn Narodow, and Warszawa, purchased from Norway and Denmark in 1951. The ships carry linseed, soya oil, and porcelain from China, and rails, machinery, locomotives, textiles, etc. from Poland.

Section 2 reports on important increases in the China shipping service. Mention is made of the Curie Sklodowska, Italgloria, and three Liberty-type ships under the Panamanian flag as later additions to the China service. Information on these ships includes their tonnage, former service, former ownership, dates on which they entered the China service, and crews.

Section 3 through 8 report in some detail on specific trips to China and the Far East of the ships Karpaty, Kosciuszko, General Walter, M.S. Danfjord, General Bem, and Przyjazn Narodow. Report gives the departure date of each of these ships and their point of sailing, or else the point and date they were sighted. In most cases the report describes the cargo in some detail including quantities and specific data. In some cases the specific source of the goods is given (such as the Skoda Works or the Locomotive Works in Chrzanow). The route, points of call, and ultimate destination of the cargo is given in most cases. Reports on likelihood of arms shipments to the North Koreans.

Section 9 merely states that the Polish-Chinese Shipping Company had its mail brought to Antwerp by the liner Mazury, from where it was forwarded through normal postal channels.

Section 10 lists the names of 10 ships making trips to China and the Far East through the end of December 1951, and the eight ships making return trips. This includes dates, tonnage of the vessels, ports of call, and their destination. The latter parts of this section include more detailed information on the ships Karpaty, Champlain, and Kosciuszko. As in sections 3 through 8 this includes past service of the ships, their present service, ports of call, destination, dates, and former ownership. Report states that loadings of arms and ammunition have not been confirmed.

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